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# LETTER DATED 26 SEPTEMBER 1999 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

With reference to document S/1999/995 of 22 September 1999, containing the text of a letter dated 21 September 1999 addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of Kuwait, in which he claims that armed Iraqis opened fire on members of the Kuwait Border Guard near boundary pillar 70 inside Kuwaiti territory, I have the honour to inform you of the following:

On 17 September 1999, at 0345 hours, the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) informed the Iraqi side that the Kuwaiti side had told it that on 16 September 1999, at 0245 hours, an incident had occurred during which two Kuwaiti police officers had been shot near boundary pillar 73 (not boundary pillar 70), on the Kuwaiti side of the frontier, and had died after being taken to the Jahra hospital in Kuwait. The Iraqi side carefully studied these reports and indicated that it had had nothing to do with this incident, which had resulted from a clash between unidentified traffickers and the Kuwaiti police.

The Representative of Kuwait's allegations that armed Iraqis opened fire are totally unfounded and are intended only to compound the number of false accusations made against Iraq. The Representative of Kuwait knows full well that the two Kuwaiti police officers who were killed were off duty and were wearing civilian clothing, and that the incident occurred on Kuwaiti territory, which is separated from the Iraqi forces by UNIKOM forces. These lies are part of an attempt to cloud the issue and thereby undermine security and stability in the region.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Saeed H. HASAN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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